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Heads Program Committee.



HON. S. F. O'FALLON.

Representative O'Fallon, of this county, and speaker of the house of representatives, has been chosen chairman of the program committee of the Missouri Centennial Exposition, which opens its gates at Sedalia, August 8, and will continue on until August 20. He is also a member of the "Noted Visitors" committee and the contests committee.

The speaker will have to bring the special session to an adjournment if he expects to get to Sedalia by August 8 to begin his duties there.

The speaker seems to be a very busy man.

House Passes Road Bill.

The house on Saturday last, July 23, passed the committee road bill. The question of adopting the house gravel road measure is now squarely before the senate. An attempt will be made to reject it. The hard surface road advocates voted for the final passage of the committee bill. This was done to hurry the measure to the senate, where it is hoped by many representatives, the changes necessary to meet the views of the larger communities of the state will be attached to the bill.

The final vote did not indicate the real strength of the hard and soft road advocates of the house. Chairman Bailey, of the house committee, urged all the hard roaders to support the bill at that time.

The house provides a system of about seventy-two hundred miles of roads in the state with clay-bound gravel, or its equivalent, as the lowest type road that may be constructed.

Under the bill each county must get at least two cross county highways. The minimum cost of construction is fixed at \$6,000 a mile. The state highway commission, however, is authorized to apportion more than \$6,000 for a higher type of road if needed.

The bill provides for reimbursing counties for roads already constructed by counties and taken over as a part of the state system. The various counties will receive the amount expended on such highways.

A bi-partisan state highway commission is created to administer the construction of the state road system. The bill designates the roads in the different counties which are made a part of the state system.

These are the "irreconcilables" who voted "no" on the house bill: Bagby, Brown, Caulfield, Davidson, Edwards, Goodenough, Head, Heeger, Horner, James, McPherson, Moore, Parr, Petree, Razovsky, Rollins, Shoemaker, Spencer, Tatten, Wetzel, Wilhite.

The house passed the Ferguson-Meyers bill, permitting the state to condemn cement plants, brick kilns, gravel pits and material to be used in the state road building program. The senate is expected to act favorably on the measure.

The house passed the Bestor motor car bill by a vote of 97 to 18. It now goes to the senate. The measure would increase the state license for pleasure cars \$1 each. Trucks would be charged according to tonnage rather than by horse-power. An increase of 25 per cent is provided for trucks.

The bill contains the Maryland plan of establishing the identity of cars by means of a certificate of ownership issued each owner by the secretary of state. The certificate would be transferred on the sale of a car similar to a deed for the transfer of real estate.

The bill is sponsored by the automobile clubs of Kansas City, St. Louis and St. Joseph.

The senate on Monday of this week passed the house bill, re-arranging the judicial districts of the state. The senate bill provides for 34 districts, while the house bill provides for 33. The bill does not disturb any of the judges now in office and will not become effective as to these officials until January, 1923.

The house road bill has been so amended by the senate, stripping it of many of its important features, and has been adopted by the senate, which will necessitate a conference of the two bodies.

The apportionment plan adopted by the house guaranteeing \$6,000 a mile for two cross county clay bound gravel roads were stricken from the bill. A minimum guarantee of \$200,000 for each county was substituted.

The house's designation of the state highway system also was taken from the bill.

The senate re-adopted the section of the bill leaving the designation to the highway commission.

Judges of Election.

The county court was in session Wednesday of last week, and selected the following citizens as judges and clerks of the special election to be held on Tuesday next, August 2, 1921.

Under the new law relating to special elections, passed by the present special session and approved by Gov. Hyde, July 9, only two judges and two clerks are provided for.

In the list published below the two first named are selected as the judges and the two last as the clerks:

Bigelow—Robert Jackson, T. J. Bridgman; Dan Wilson, W. N. Hinkle. North Benton—A. M. Tibbels, M. L. Norman; R. E. Cottier, Ed. Alkire. South Benton—J. L. Andler, R. L. Canon; Fred Burke, M. S. Erwin. Clay—W. H. Gilbert, G. F. DeBord; Bethel Goodpasture, J. H. Fickes. Forbes—Robert Hunzinger, W. H. Sparks; J. A. Milne, Sam H. Schulte. Forest—N. F. Dozier, Ed. Evans; J. W. Fitzmaurice, R. W. Fawkes. Hickory—T. A. Callow, Robt. Meyer, Robt. Kneale, Jr., Ed. Davis. East Lewis—A. W. Cotten, W. F. Braggi; John H. Peret, E. Ward Headley.

West Lewis—C. J. Fuhrman, C. L. Raley; Reed Bailey, Ralph Moore. Liberty—A. H. Goodpasture, M. C. Browning; Henry E. Feil, A. W. Norman.

Lincoln—Andrew Peters, Wm. Young; C. N. Dobyns, A. J. Rosellus. Minton—Chester Hitz, Geo. D. Chunging; Ira Alkire, C. O. VanCamp. Nodaway—J. C. Morris, Hugh Brohan; Matt Feichter, Dave M. Cropp. North Union—John H. Hunt, W. B. Fitzgerald; Geo. Gaskill, Jr., Wm. Nauman. South Union—Chas. Cies, Sam Horn; J. R. Lemar, T. A. Ward.

House Reduces Tax Levies.

Four of the big revenue bills were passed by the house, Tuesday last, July 19, clearing the way in that body for final consideration of road legislation. The revenue bills were reduction of the state income tax, reduction of the corporate franchise tax, and reduction of the collateral inheritance tax.

The biggest measure of the four was the lowering of the direct property tax levy by the state. The senate passed the bill cutting the rate from 10 to 8 cents on the \$100 valuation. The house amended the senate bill to 7 cents on the \$100, and the bill thus passed the house, and will go back to the senate as amended, which will likely agree to the amendment. The house vote was unanimous.

The four house bills make the following reductions in the present state tax reductions:

Direct property tax.....	\$ 781,338
Income tax.....	1,664,000
Corporation franchise tax.....	1,342,720
Inheritance tax.....	320,467
Capital bond tax.....	464,873
Total reductions.....	\$4,573,398

The total revenue derived from the direct property tax under the 7 cent rate, with the new full valuation program, will be \$781,338, less than was paid last year under the 10 cent rate, and the old system of fractional assessment.

The reductions made affect all classes of tax-payers. The bill, with an emergency clause, affects state taxes paid this year, 1921.

The reductions proposed will give Missouri the lowest tax levies for many years.

Body of Lieut. Petree at Hoboken.

Word was received here on Tuesday morning of this week that the body of Lieutenant Harris E. Petree, 139th Aero Squadron, had been received at Hoboken, New Jersey and would be shipped in a short time to Oregon for burial. The arrangements for the funeral will be in the hands of the American Legion Post here, which was named in his honor.

Lieut. Petree lost his life in action on September 26, 1918, when he was shot down, after being engaged in battle with several German planes. His daring feats and bravery won for him many citations, which were granted posthumously to his parents. He was born and raised here, and was held in the highest esteem by all Holt county people.

The First.

The Sentinel, Leader and other county papers state that John Gallop delivered the first new wheat to the Brownfield & Teare elevator at Craig, Saturday, July 2, and one of our local readers states that he saw in the Mirror, July 1st, that Chas. Giles delivered his wheat from 50 acres to the elevator here, June 28th, and thinks that Charlie has John skinned about four days. John Ahrens, of the elevator, shipped his first car load out July 5th, and it would probably have gone sooner had a car been available.—Coming Mirror, July 22.

Special Delivery Rate Up.

The cost of sending a special delivery letter is to be raised from a dime to 25 cents. Postmaster General Hays says that when a person sends a special delivery message he wants the message specially delivered, which is a service which cannot be rendered for a dime.—The Weekly Kansas City Star, July 20, 1921.

Kidnapped.

The little son of C. R. Adkins was kidnapped July 4, presumably by some of the relatives on the mother's side. The father and mother are separated, and Judge Uts, of St. Joseph, gave the custody of the children to the father.—Coming Mirror, July 22.

Taking Out The Kinks.

The initial steps are being taken looking to the formation of a levee district under the new 1921 law, which provides for the taking in for protection of the lands against wash and bank erosions.

The district takes in nearly 9,000 acres of land in Forbes township, between the railroad and river and lands in Lewis township, between the railroad and the river.

After years of study and scientific demonstration, the Woods Brothers, of Lincoln, Neb., have undoubtedly developed a scheme that promises, and, in fact, has proven by actual demonstration that the kinks can be taken out of the treacherous Missouri river, and stop its persistent highway robbery of the farmer who happens to be a landowner along its banks.

Under date of July 16, 1921, in a letter from the engineering department of the C. B. & Q. railroad, in answer to an inquiry from one of the land-owners of the Forbes district, they endorse the scheme of the Woods Brothers in retarding the current of the river, and recommend that he go and see the wonderful success attained by this system of putting in retards, wherever the work has been done.

Their retard system consists of trees cabled together in forms of rafts, placed in the bottom of the river, extending to its surface; they are piled upon each other and held in position by one-inch steel cables, which are fastened to a concrete anchor.

This anchor consists of a concrete steel re-inforced piling, the top of which is sunk to an average depth of 25 feet below the bed of the river.

As these trees are sunk and cabled they are held in position, and thus retard the river current, which causes bars to form and throw the force of the current from the river bank.

This company has thirty-six districts in force or in formation along the Missouri river, mostly in Missouri and Nebraska.

We believe the scheme solves the problem of how to make the Missouri river behave itself.

W. H. Richards, of this city, is the attorney for the petitioners, asking for the incorporation of an association to put in this work in Forbes and vicinity.

The Special Election.

Next Tuesday, August 2, 1921, we are to have a special election, the first since 1911, when the voters were called upon to vote on the capitol building bonds.

The ballots will be headed "Constitutional Convention Ballot" and "Constitutional Ballot."

The constitutional convention ballot, which will be designated "proposition No. 1," will bear this sentence: "Shall there be a convention to revise and amend the constitution." Printed to the right of this sentence on the ballot will be the words "yes" and "no."

Any one desiring to vote for a new constitution will erase "no" and leave "yes." If to the contrary he or she must erase "yes" and leave the "no." The other will be headed "Constitutional Ballot" and will carry three proposed amendments to the constitution, opposite to which will be printed "yes" and "no." The same procedure must be followed in voting for or against any of the proposed amendments as is followed in voting on the new constitution.

Proposition No. 1 on the constitutional ballot is to enable women to hold any office in the state by eliminating the word "male" from the constitution in enumerating qualifications for holding office.

Proposition No. 2 provides that the interest of the \$60,000,000 authorized road bond issue may be paid from the motor vehicle license fees. This is merely to correct an error in the \$60,000,000 road bond issue by providing that the bond interest as well as the principal may be paid from the automobile license fees. Should this fail to carry then the interest and principle will have to be paid by direct taxation upon all taxable property. This part of the amendment as adopted reads: "The said bonds and the interest that will accrue thereon shall be paid out of a fund to be provided for by the levy and collection of a direct annual tax upon all taxable property in the state."

Proposition No. 3 seeks to authorize the legislature to incur and provide by taxation for the payment of indebtedness not exceeding \$15,000,000 for bonuses to Missouri soldiers, sailors and marines.

The amendment fixes the bonus at \$10 per month for each month of actual service during the war with Germany, either at home or in Europe, with a maximum of \$250, or for twenty-five months' service.

There was nothing too good for them in 1917, when they marched away, and nothing too good for them in 1918, when the news began to come in from Chateau Thierry, the St. Mihiel, the Argonne and other battle fronts. There is nothing too good for them today when we stop to think about them. But it is easy to forget. The world is busy with its affairs. However, the desire is to "do something," which is general, and if less has been done than occasion required, it is doubtless because no definite course has been pointed out. Now a definite course is presented in the plan looking to a bonus for former service men of Missouri.

The voters should approve the bonus and we believe they will. It has been said often and truthfully, that no payment the state or nation could make would be an adequate measure of the service rendered.

Exposition and State Fair.

Sedalia, Mo., July 27.—Judge H. M. Dungan, Oregon, Mo., has been appointed County Centennial Commissioner for Holt county.

In order to acquaint the people of the state with the objects, programs and leading features of the Missouri Centennial Exposition to be held on the State Fair grounds here, August 8-20 and to further interest in the Centennial movement, the Centennial Commission, in charge of supervising the plans for the big program, decided to appoint a County Centennial Commissioner in each county in the state. Rapid progress is being made in getting the thorough educational campaign concerning the Exposition started throughout the state.

The duties of the commissioner will include the distribution of advertising matter, the urging of co-operation in the official Centennial Exposition August 8-20, and the promotion of a local centennial celebration in each county next fall. The work will also cover features in the gigantic program of planning the Missouri Exposition, such as having each county represented in the "Centennial Cavalcade" at Sedalia, working up touring parties to the big birthday party, urging prominent breeders and farmers to send exhibits and other ways of educating the people of the county concerning the Centennial Fair.

They will also have the problem of presenting to the people the historical significance of the Exposition. It is the anniversary of a century of statehood. The Centennial State is to have a suitable commemoration of her birth. The progress and development of ten decades will be portrayed in "The Pageant of Missouri," a gorgeous representation in dramatic pantomime of Missouri's history. It is under the supervision of a noted director. The Centennial will be Missouri's most important historical event in a century. The commissioners all over the state will bring these facts to the people of their county by personal touch.

With the opening of the Exposition but two weeks away, plans are rapidly rounding into shape here for the accommodation and entertainment of the visitors. Unusually large crowds will attend, it is felt, and Holt county should be well represented.

Farm Bureau Notes.

The baking club girls of Bigelow and Fortescue have each been offered \$25 if they would go to the State Fair at Sedalia and demonstrate the use of dried peaches in baking for the California Fruit Growers' Association.

They have each decided that they would send a demonstration team. The Bigelow club elected Miss Margaret McKee and Miss Geneva Coutts to represent them, and the Fortescue club chose Miss Alta Watts and Miss Header Bunker for their contestants. The girls requested the services of the Home Demonstration Agent to train them for the contest. In order to do this it was necessary for the Agent to defer her vacation, which was to have gone into effect July 25. Instead she will remain on duty and accompany the teams to Sedalia and see that they get fair play in the contest. Later, after the return from the fair, the Home Demonstration Agent will enjoy a few days' rest.

The baking club girls have been doing some excellent work and achieving some splendid results in their baking, and if they do not bring back some of the honors that will be passed out at the State Fair, we will miss a mighty good guess.

There are other clubs in the county which are doing things besides the baking clubs. The Shiloh B. B. sewing club held their public meeting at the school house, Thursday of last week. We listened to a splendid program of club songs and recitations, but the best part of the program was the club play that was put on. This little play is worthy of being repeated often. After the program a bounteous feast was spread out-doors and about 40 women and girls and boys enjoyed the fried chicken, salad, pickles, cake and ice tea. The Shiloh B. B. club is a wide-awake bunch and doing things in the right way.

Miss Rosina Hunzinger, assisted by the Home Demonstration Agent, closed a successful four-day sewing school for leaders last week. The leaders made fitted patterns and have promised that they would teach the fitted patterns to two other ladies that wish to learn. Mrs. Cortez Meadows, Miss Pearl McIntyre and Mrs. Orloff Headley are now ready to show their friends how to do this work.

A school for fitted pattern work will be opened this week by the Home Demonstration Agent in the Minnesota Valley community. There will be four leaders taught in this community—Mrs. J. W. Cannon, Mrs. W. A. Stoff, Mrs. H. R. Bayha and Mrs. John Hall. Each of these ladies will pass the information on to their neighbors and friends.

Home Demonstration Agent.

With finished lumber, hides, leather, shoes, oil and cotton on the free list, the dye embargo knocked out, the Fordney tariff bill passed the lower house of congress on Thursday last, July 21, by a vote of 289 to 127. Seven Republicans voted against the bill and seven Democrats voted for it. The bill now goes to the senate.

German M. E. Church.

Preaching at the Oregon church next Sunday morning. Sunday evening we will have service at the Nodaway church. Everybody is welcome. PASTOR.

Eighty-third Milestone.

On Monday of this week, July 25, 1921, Judge A. W. VanCamp, of Fortescue, was 83 years of age, and he invited his comrades of Meyer Post, and the staff of Harris E. Petree Post, American Legion, to be his guests at the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alkire, to celebrate the occasion with him and they answered the call and were there in goodly numbers to have a good time with this greatly beloved old comrade.

We believe it is the first time in the history of our state, since our boys came marching home from "over there," that the boys who wore the blue in '61-'65 and the boys who wore the khaki in '17-'18, that such a coming together has occurred—the G. A. R. and American Legion, the guest of one whose regiment was in the fracas at Gettysburg and Franklin, and men who fought at St. Mihiel and the Argonne; men, all who are well beyond their three score and ten, and those now in the very pink of splendid young manhood. It was an inspiring occasion, and we trust there may be other similar occasions before the complete passing of the old historic Meyer Post G. A. R., which is in its 35th year.

Following the regular proceedings of the Post, Commander King called on Chaplain Roberts for a speech. Chaplain Roberts spoke feelingly on behalf of the Post, congratulating their Comrade VanCamp on reaching such a ripe old age and his wonderfully well preserved health and strength; that there were many of 40 that were much older in activity than he was at 83. That Meyer Post was fortunate in having him on its rolls as a member; for his cheerful, buoyant spirit, and his earnest loyalty to the G. A. R.

The kindly host responded in his usual happy vein, but he was saddened by the fact that time, which waits for no one, was gradually thinning our ranks, and he could not help from noticing the absence of those who were here at this home as his guests when he reached his four score years—Wm. Turnham, Jacob and Fred Markt, Thomas Frye and H. E. Denny.

As a soldier of the Civil War we had much to be proud of and we hold a place in the history of the nation; proud to wear the little bronze button. We paved the way for greater things in our nation, and the things for which the Revolutionary War was fought; were made only the more emphatic by the Civil War and the World War—the principles of popular government were made the stronger. That we were a nation of the people, for the people and by the people.

He spoke of the great work of the American Army in the World War—there was no "going back," but forward all along the lines, and of the "halt" that was called to the Germans' onward rush to Paris by the American army at Chateau Thierry. It was a great speech, Mr. VanCamp.

Commander Stevenson, of Petree Post, American Legion, was the next to respond from Commander King. He spoke of the great Civil War as he was taught by his Grandfather Moser, who was a Union soldier. "You did it; when we got in the fight over there, we did it, just as the G. A. R. boys did it in '61-'65." He was in every way equal to the occasion, and gave a brilliant description of experiences "over there." The French had their backs to the walls, when the Second Division of the American Army, the marines, entered the fight at Chateau Thierry, and turned the tide of the great war, and from that day in May, 1918, the doom of Germany had been sealed. She was whipped from that day until Nov. 11, 1918. We won because we went into the fight to win; so in the great Civil War. He spoke of the wonderful spirit shown by the American Army and the French Army. When the Americans went in, the French Army was composed of men in the 40's and 50's—the younger ones had been exterminated, while our army was made up of the best young blood of our country, ready and eager to fight and they fought and won. He hoped the American Legion would ever have that spirit that has been shown by the G. A. R. since its organization in 1866.

Mr. Montgomery, J. G. Wilson, Commander King all followed with short, stirring speeches. The yench reminded those present that the American Armies, led by Old Glory, always won because we were ever in the right. Mr. Montgomery thought that the Kaiser and the "clown" prince were greatly disappointed when they were deprived of leading their armies into Paris from Chateau Thierry.

Following the speech-making the doors leading to the dining room were thrown open, and the "boys" answered "mess call," and Mrs. Alkire, assisted by her daughter, Inez, served an exceedingly palatable two-course luncheon, and after Chaplain Roberts offered the blessing, and the boys "went in" and demolished the "grub pile" like a band of hungry wolves—say, everything tasted so good.

Commander King called the guests to their feet, and the Post extended its three-times-three honors to their Comrade VanCamp, Mr. and Mrs. Alkire and Miss Inez.

They then adjourned to the reception room, where "Marching Through Georgia" was sung, with Miss Inez at the instrument. "Van" passed the cigars and all went home, smoking and thanking their stars that they were there.

Those answering roll call were: Commander King, Chaplain R. D. Roberts, Robert Montgomery, F. E. Dungan, Earl Cooper.

Samuel Hughes, Clint Leverich, Wm. M. Morris, J. G. Wilson, H. E. Peret, D. P. Dobyns, D. P. Dobyns.

Of the American Legion: Commander Ray Stevenson, Adjutant R. T. Dobyns.

F. S. Morgan read an interesting letter from T. C. Fuller, a former Post member, now residing near Los Angeles, Calif., which brought the good news to his comrades of his good health and that of his family.

D. P. Dobyns gave some data pertaining to the Civil and World War, and was requested to have the same published, which will be done in the near future.

Mr. VanCamp was born in Erie county, Pa., July 25, 1838; a graduate of Girard College of that state, served in the Union Army as a member of the 83d Infantry, which took part in the battle of Gettysburg, and was a part of the Army of the Potomac throughout the war. He came West in 1866, and has been one of us in Holt county since 1875.

A Fact.

In looking over the advertising patronage of the many country papers, which come under the notice of the writer, he was surprised at the disparity disclosed, both in quantity of space used and the price paid, a disparity not justified by the difference in the character of the towns served by the different papers. To the personal knowledge of the writer of these towns, their population, character of citizenship, access to business in the trade territory of each of them, the small advertising patronage given The Sentinel is entirely out of proportion to the per capita population, the wealth of the people and the high-grade, comfort-loving character of the immediate territory, the character and quality of the stocks carried, and the responsible character of Oregon's business men has not its reflex in the patronage given the paper. These are matters subject to the same laws of analysis as any other science and the conclusions are mathematically correct—the only conclusion to be drawn from this analysis is that the merchants are satisfied with the volume of business done and have gotten into a state of complacency, which has no thought of the morrow, or of the keener competition invited by inaction. The value of real property in any community is measured by its progressiveness, and a positive injury results to any community which stands still or retrogrades. I am glad, Mr. Editor, if this analysis has the desired effect, and if it does not it will be different from the result made for others.

ADVERTISING ANALYSIS.

Clean Up.

A town looks like its citizens. Is there anything wrong with your town? Are the back lots and alleys filled with rubbish and weeds? Are the basements filled with trash? Is there rubbish and weeds leading to exits that people would have to pass over?

If there are any of these conditions existing, then there is something the matter with your town.

If your tongue was coated, your back ached and you had chills, you would go to a doctor. You would go because you were sick.

Your town may be sick. It gets clogged up like your system, and is coming to the only doctor it can come to. It is coming to you.

People judge a town by its looks. If there have been fires in your town from moss on the roof, from defective flues or from rubbish and weeds in the basement or alleys or back yards, it is too bad.

Clean up your town; the Chautauqua is nearing.

The exterior of your home yard, alley-ways, are indicative of that which is within.

Clean up your town, your yards and lawns and alleys. It will mean dollars and cents to you. It may mean the saving of a life.

Weeds and rubbish heaps are disease breeders.

Your own home may be destroyed by the careless act of a neighbor. His home is in the same danger as yours.

Sunlight, fresh air and cleanliness never start spontaneous combustion; lack of ventilation and accumulation of weeds, filth and dirt will.

This is your town. You live in it. It is what you make it—remove those unsightly weeds, clean up your yards and alleys; make your lawns look as if the owner had some civic pride, and remove those unsightly and dangerous piles of rubbish, that are only breeders of malaria, diphtheria and scarlet fever.

Clean up and fix up. This is your home town. Chautauqua comes Aug. 10-15.

Judge Dungan Named.

Lieut.-Governor Lloyd, as vice-chairman of the Centennial Commission, has named Judge Harry M. Dungan to represent Holt county as commissioner for this county at the state centennial at Sedalia, August 8-20.

It is to be hoped that those expecting to attend the celebration in honor of Missouri's 100th birthday will get in touch with Holt's commissioner, Judge Dungan.

—James Cain and wife left Monday of this week for Kansas City, where they are both taking medical treatment.